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Marin County Declared Federal Disaster Area and Eligible for FEMA Assistance

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San Rafael – The President today declared a major disaster for Marin County (declaration number FEMA-1628-DR) in response to the New Year’s winter storm, paving the way for federal assistance for the county. As part of the declaration the President indicated that federal assistance will be available to individuals, households, businesses, and local governments in Marin County. Marin County is one of 10 counties in California where individuals and households are eligible for this federal assistance. Federal assistance will also be available to help local governments with the costs of responding to the storm emergency and taking actions to minimizing the impact of future natural hazards.

“The federal disaster declaration and assistance is vital to help our community recover and rebuild from this winter storm,” said Supervisor Cynthia Murray, the County’s Director of Emergency Services. “The County will work closely with cities, towns, and special districts to help residents and businesses obtain needed federal assistance.”

The County is exploring the establishment of a temporary Local Assistance Center to provide information about FEMA assistance and take applications for assistance in person. Additional information about the exact dates, times, and location of the center

will be sent out early next week. Residents and businesses can also begin applying for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The hearing and speech impaired can call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). FEMA will verify eligibility and need before assistance is offered.

The County is continuing its efforts to coordinate storm recovery efforts across Marin County. The County's Storm Recovery Information Hotline (415-473-5614) will be open beginning Monday, February 6 to answer questions about recovery efforts and other items. The County's website (www.co.marin.ca.us) includes a variety of storm recovery information, including links to federal, state, and local resources, answers to frequently asked questions, press releases, and other items. To access the website, click on "Storm Recovery Information" on the County's homepage.